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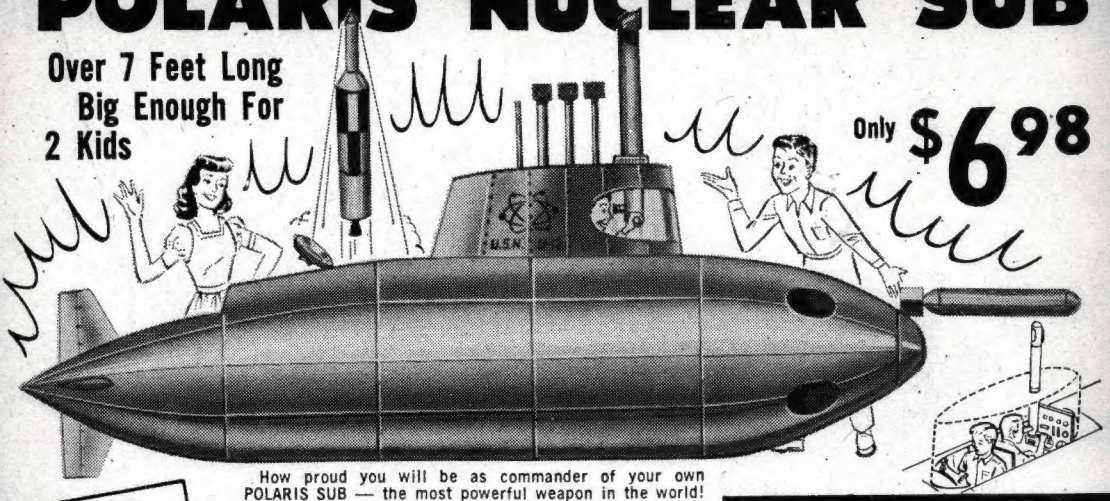

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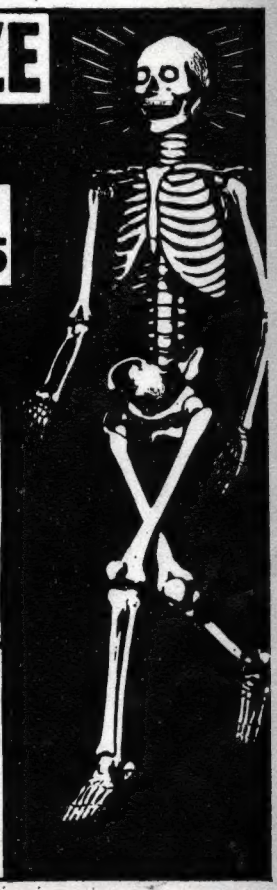

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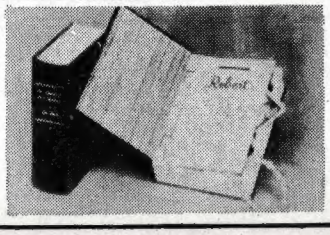

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TALES OF THE LEGION of SUPER-HEROES
A TOAST TO... BRAINIAC 5!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BRAINY!
THAT'S IT, LEGIONNAIRES! DRINK UP! TOO OFTEN YOU'VE TEMPTED ME...NOW DEATH CLAIMS YOU!
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO DIE...TODAY? THAT'S THE SITUATION IN WHICH FIVE LEGIONNAIRES FIND THEMSELVES WHEN A DEADLY TRAP IS SPRUNG, LEAVING THEM ONLY...
"TWELVE HOURS TO LIVE!"

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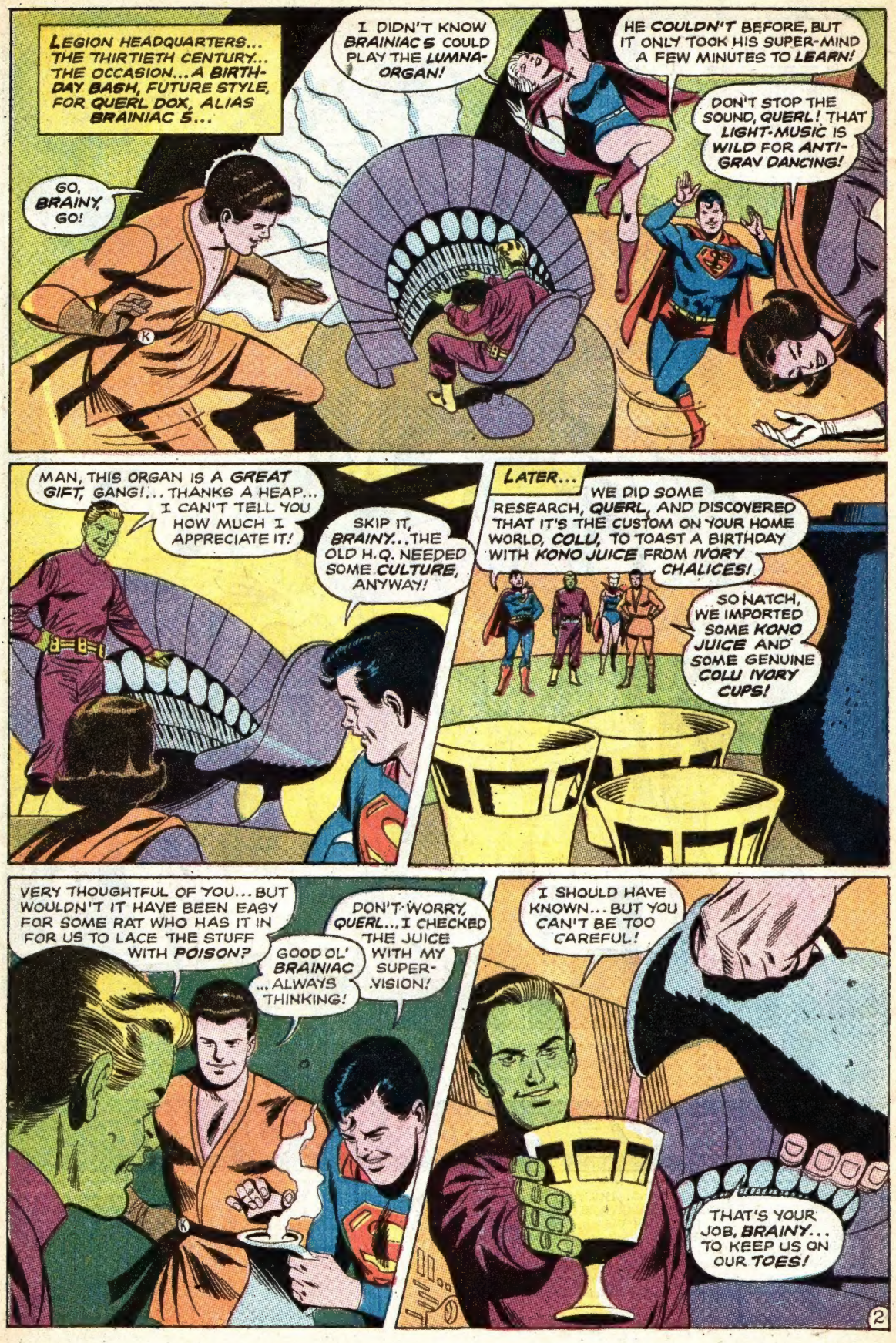
LEGION HEADQUARTERS... THE THIRTIETH CENTURY... THE OCCASION... A BIRTHDAY BASH, FUTURE STYLE, FOR QUERL DOX, ALIAS BRAINIAC 5...
I DIDN'T KNOW BRAINIAC 5 COULD PLAY THE LUMNA-ORGAN!
HE COULDN'T BEFORE, BUT IT ONLY TOOK HIS SUPER-MIND A FEW MINUTES TO LEARN!
DON'T STOP THE SOUND, QUERL! THAT LIGHT-MUSIC IS WILD FOR ANTI-GRAV DANCING!
GO, BRAINY, GO!
MAN, THIS ORGAN IS A GREAT GIFT, GANG!... THANKS A HEAP... I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE IT!
SKIP IT, BRAINY... THE OLD H.Q. NEEDED SOME CULTURE, ANYWAY!
LATER...
WE DID SOME RESEARCH, QUERL, AND DISCOVERED THAT IT'S THE CUSTOM ON YOUR HOME WORLD, COLU, TO TOAST A BIRTHDAY WITH KONO JUICE FROM IVORY CHALICES!
SO NATCH, WE IMPORTED SOME KONO JUICE AND SOME GENUINE COLU IVORY CUPS!
VERY THOUGHTFUL OF YOU... BUT WOULDN'T IT HAVE BEEN EASY FOR SOME RAT WHO HAS IT IN FOR US TO LACE THE STUFF WITH POISON?
GOOD OL' BRAINIAC ... ALWAYS THINKING!
DON'T WORRY, QUERL... I CHECKED THE JUICE WITH MY SUPER-VISION!
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN... BUT YOU CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL!
THAT'S YOUR JOB, BRAINY... TO KEEP US ON OUR TOES!
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A TOAST, THEN... TO BRAINIAC 5, WHO KEEPS US ON OUR TOES...
...AND BEATS THE LOT OF US AT CHESS!
AND I RETURN THE COMPLIMENT BY DRINKING TO ALL OF YOU... SUPERBOY, DUO DAMSEL, PRINCESS PROJECTRA AND KARATE KID!
STRANGE... KONO JUICE IS SWEET-TASTING... BUT THIS STUFF DOESN'T HAVE THE FLAVOR!
IT'S BITTER! DESPITE ALL PRECAUTIONS, IT'S BEEN DOCTORED!
GREAT IONUS... THESE CHALICES WERE COATED ON THE INSIDE WITH A WHITE POWDER...
WHAT'S THE MATTER, BRAINY? CAN'T YOU HANDLE THE JOY JUICE?
QUICK! GIVE ME YOUR CUPS!
LAB
HE'S HEADED FOR THE LAB!
DON'T TELL ME THIS IS PART OF THE TRADITION!
WHO KNOWS? I NEVER COULD KEEP UP WITH THAT 12TH-LEVEL MIND OF HIS!
MOMENTS LATER...
HEY, BRAINY! WHAT GIVES?
IT'S MY FAULT... I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED... I SHOULD HAVE CHECKED...
COME ON, BUDDY... WHATEVER'S BUGGING YOU, LET US IN ON IT!
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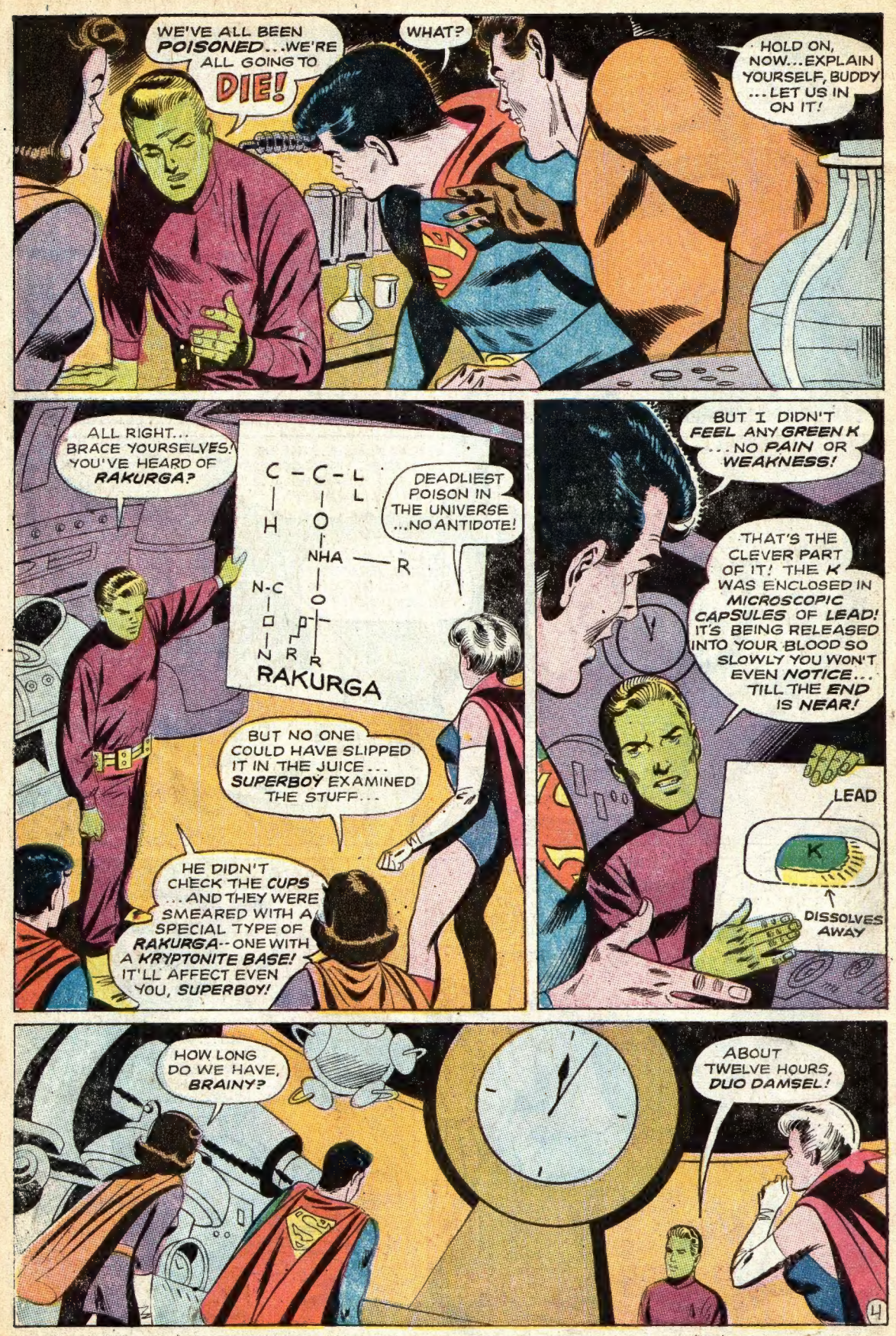
WE'VE ALL BEEN POISONED...WE'RE ALL GOING TO DIE!
WHAT?
HOLD ON, NOW...EXPLAIN YOURSELF, BUDDY ...LET US IN ON IT!
ALL RIGHT... BRACE YOURSELVES! YOU'VE HEARD OF RAKURGA?
DEADLIEST POISON IN THE UNIVERSE ...NO ANTIDOTE!
RAKURGA
BUT NO ONE COULD HAVE SLIPPED IT IN THE JUICE... SUPERBOY EXAMINED THE STUFF...
HE DIDN'T CHECK THE CUPS ...AND THEY WERE SMEARED WITH A SPECIAL TYPE OF RAKURGA--ONE WITH A KRYPTONITE BASE! IT'LL AFFECT EVEN YOU, SUPERBOY!
BUT I DIDN'T FEEL ANY GREEN K ...NO PAIN OR WEAKNESS!
THAT'S THE CLEVER PART OF IT! THE K WAS ENCLOSED IN MICROSCOPIC CAPSULES OF LEAD! IT'S BEING RELEASED INTO YOUR BLOOD SO SLOWLY YOU WON'T EVEN NOTICE... TILL THE END IS NEAR!
LEAD
K
DISSOLVES AWAY
HOW LONG DO WE HAVE, BRAINY?
ABOUT TWELVE HOURS, DUO DAMSEL!
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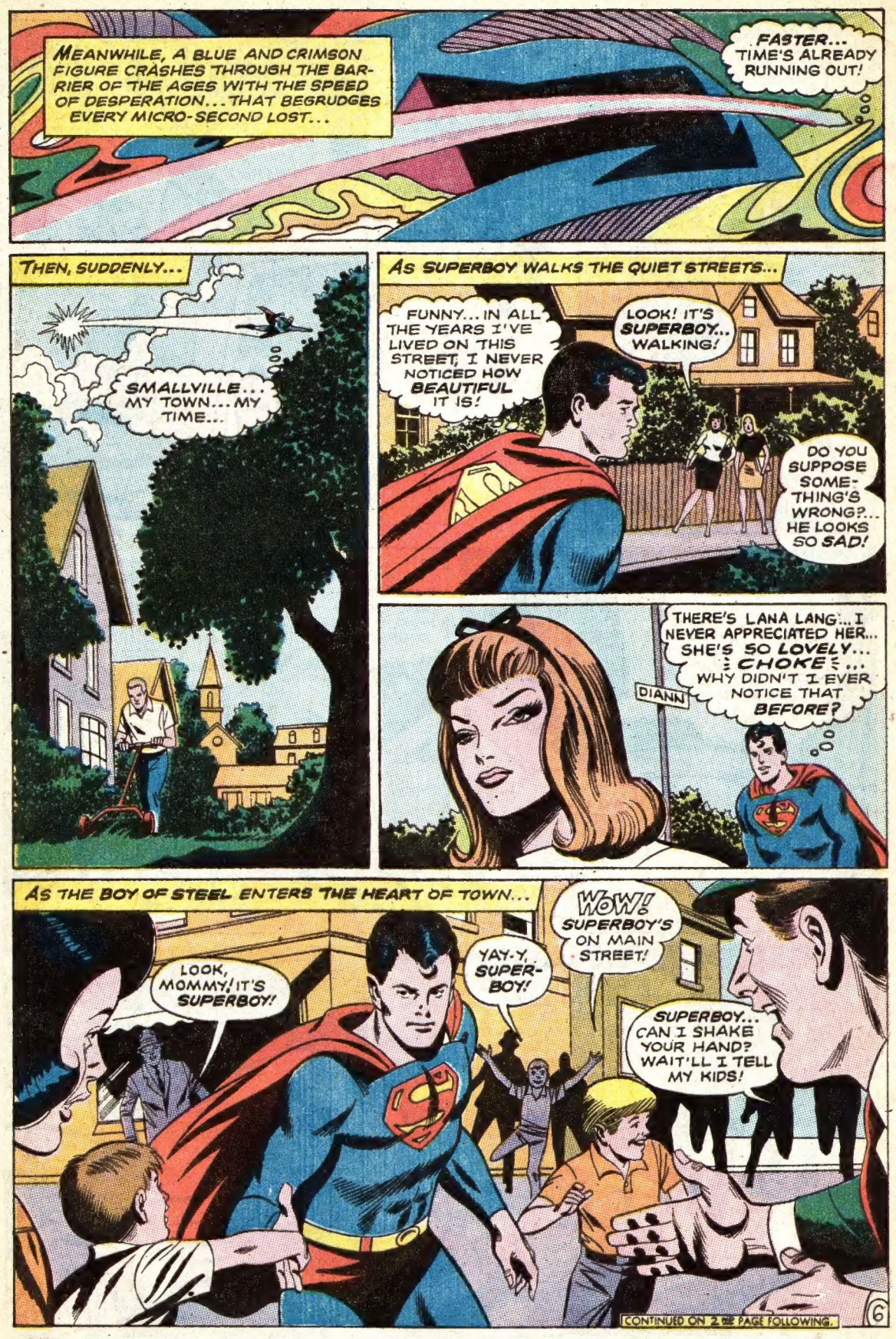
I GUESS THIS IS IT... I WON'T TRY TO TELL YOU HOW TO USE THOSE TWELVE HOURS!
I WISH YOU'D ALL COME BACK BEFORE... THE END! I'D LIKE US TO FACE DEATH TOGETHER, AS WE HAVE SO MANY TIMES IN THE PAST!
WE'LL MEET IT BRAVELY, I KNOW... :CHOKE:
THE END... AND THERE'S NOTHING I... OR ANYONE... CAN DO ABOUT IT! FUNNY ...I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD COME THIS WAY...NOT KNOWING WHO DID IT... OR WHY.
I FEEL SO LONELY... BUT I HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GO...NO FAMILY ...NO LIFE AT ALL BEYOND THESE WALLS!
BUT... HOLD ON! IT'S NOT JUST THE FIVE OF US WHO ARE AFFECTED! IF SUPERBOY DIES NOW, HE'LL NEVER GROW UP TO BE SUPERMAN IN THE 20TH CENTURY! THE PAST WILL BE CHANGED...AND THE WHOLE FABRIC OF THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM MIGHT BE TORN APART!
THAT MUST NOT HAPPEN! I'LL HAVE TO PREVENT IT!
HERE'S WHERE MY TWELFTH-LEVEL BRAIN FIGHTS BEST... THE LAB! I'M GOING TO FIND THE "IMPOSSIBLE" ANTIDOTE... OR DIE WITH A TEST-TUBE IN MY HAND!


MEANWHILE, A BLUE AND CRIMSON FIGURE CRASHES THROUGH THE BARRIER OF THE AGES WITH THE SPEED OF DESPERATION... THAT BEGRUDGES EVERY MICRO-SECOND LOST...
FASTER... TIME'S ALREADY RUNNING OUT!
THEN, SUDDENLY...
SMALLVILLE... MY TOWN... MY TIME...
AS SUPERBOY WALKS THE QUIET STREETS...
FUNNY... IN ALL THE YEARS I'VE LIVED ON THIS STREET, I NEVER NOTICED HOW BEAUTIFUL IT IS!
LOOK! IT'S SUPERBOY... WALKING!
DO YOU SUPPOSE SOMETHING'S WRONG?... HE LOOKS SO SAD!
DIANN
THERE'S LANA LANG... I NEVER APPRECIATED HER... SHE'S SO LOVELY... CHOKE... WHY DIDN'T I EVER NOTICE THAT BEFORE?
AS THE BOY OF STEEL ENTERS THE HEART OF TOWN...
LOOK, MOMMY! IT'S SUPERBOY!
YAY-Y, SUPERBOY!
WOW! SUPERBOY'S ON MAIN STREET!
SUPERBOY... CAN I SHAKE YOUR HAND? WAIT'LL I TELL MY KIDS!
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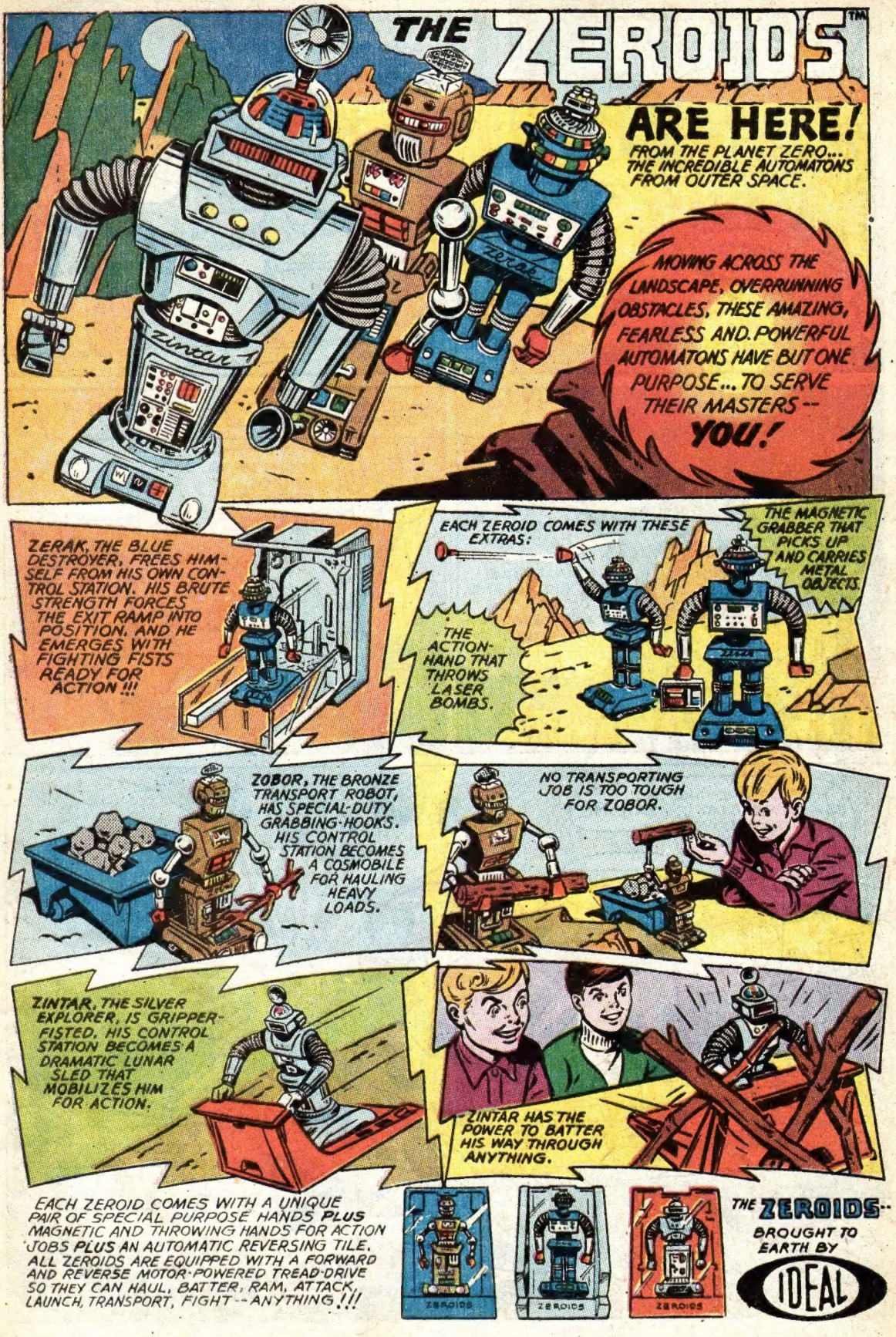
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THE MAGNETIC GRABBER THAT PICKS UP AND CARRIES METAL OBJECTS.
THE ACTION-HAND THAT THROWS LASER BOMBS.
ZOBOR, THE BRONZE TRANSPORT ROBOT, HAS SPECIAL-DUTY GRABBING-HOOKS. HIS CONTROL STATION BECOMES A COSMOBILE FOR HAULING HEAVY LOADS.
NO TRANSPORTING JOB IS TOO TOUGH FOR ZOBOR.
ZINTAR, THE SILVER EXPLORER, IS GRIPPER-FISTED. HIS CONTROL STATION BECOMES A DRAMATIC LUNAR SLED THAT MOBILIZES HIM FOR ACTION.
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THEY LOVE ME... I'M A HERO TO THEM... CHOKE! YET I'LL NEVER SEE THEIR FACES AGAIN!
THERE'S DAD KENT'S STORE... MOM SHOULD BE HELPING HIM WITH INVENTORY TODAY!
HOW CAN I TELL THEM?... HOW CAN I BREAK THE NEWS...? I CAN'T BEAR TO HURT THEM!
ENT'S GENERAL STOR
KENT'S
GENERAL STORE
NO USE... I CAN'T FACE THEM NOW! SMALLVILLE IS GETTING ME DOWN... TOO MANY MEMORIES ...GOT TO RETURN TO THE FUTURE!
ONCE AGAIN, ACROSS THE GULF OF YEARS, ON MARS IN THE 30TH CENTURY...
LOOK! UP IN THE SKY... IT'S SUPERBOY!
WHAT'S HE DOING?
HE'S DESTROYING THE GLACIERS THAT THREATENED OUR CITIES NEAR THE POLAR ICE-CAP!
HOORAY FOR SUPERBOY!
NEXT, I'LL GATHER UP A BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF SPACE JEWELS AND DONATE THEM TO THE INTERPLANETARY UNITED FUND!
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"I ALREADY TRACKED DOWN A SPACE ROC THAT WAS TERRORIZING THE SPACE LANES... CAGED HIM AND GAVE HIM TO THE INTERPLANETARY ZOO..."
AND I'M GOING TO KEEP BUSY... THE MORE I WORK THE LESS TIME I HAVE TO THINK... BESIDES, IF I'M GOING TO LEAVE THIS LIFE, I MIGHT AS WELL GIVE 'EM SOMETHING TO REMEMBER ME BY!
MEANWHILE, WATCHING SUPERBOY VIA LONG DISTANCE SCANNER FROM THE DESERTED LEGION CONTROL ROOM IS DUO DAMSEL...
SUPERBOY IS REALLY TERRIFIC... DEVOTING EVEN THE LAST HOURS OF HIS LIFE TO THE GOOD OF THE GALAXY!
I WISH I COULD DO THAT ...I WISH I HAD THE POWER! BUT EVEN TWO OF ME COULDN'T DO ANYTHING APPROACHING SUPERBOY'S FEATS!
SOMETIMES I WONDER WHY THE LEGION KEEPS ME AROUND! MY POWER OF SPLITTING INTO TWO GIRLS ISN'T SO GREAT!
OH, IT'S HELPED NOW AND THEN! BUT I KEEP THINKING I SHOULD QUIT... LET SOMEBODY WHO'S BETTER REPLACE ME!
STILL... IN A FEW HOURS I'LL BE BOWING OUT FOR GOOD!
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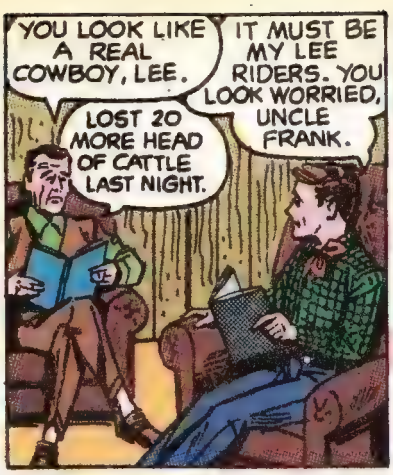
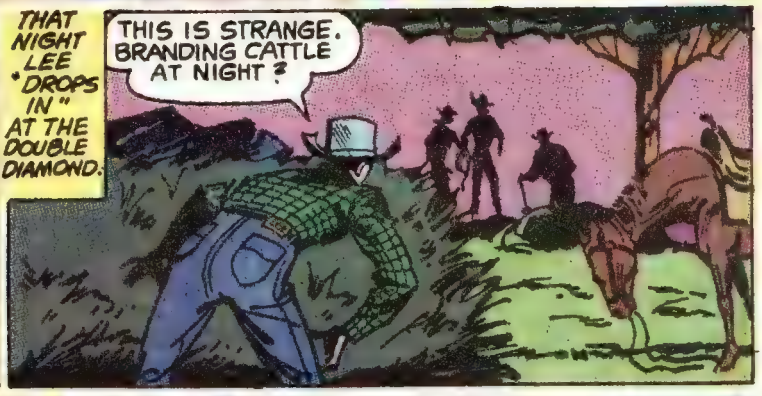
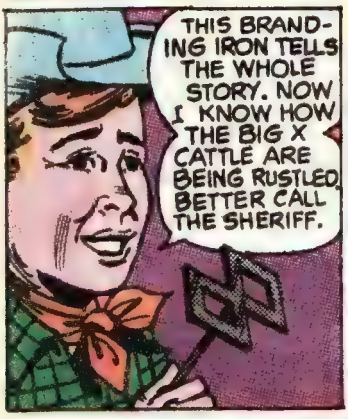
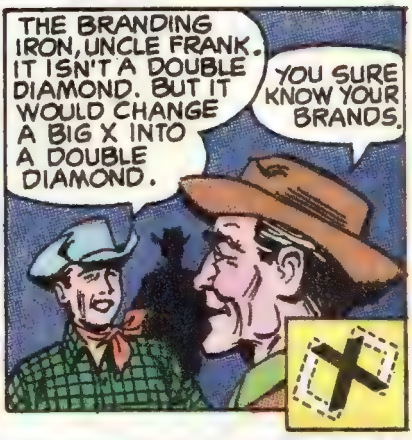
LEE RIDER VISITS HIS UNCLE FRANK'S BIG X RANCH.



THAT NIGHT LEE "DROPS IN" AT THE DOUBLE DIAMOND.






THE BRANDING IRON, UNCLE FRANK. IT ISN'T A DOUBLE DIAMOND. BUT IT WOULD CHANGE A BIG X INTO A DOUBLE DIAMOND.
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HOME! I LOVE OUR HOUSE... SOMEHOW, IT'S NEVER SEEMED MORE BEAUTIFUL!
LUORNU! I THOUGHT YOU WERE ON DUTY!
MOM AND DAD... HOW CAN I TELL THEM I'M DYING? HOW WILL THEY TAKE IT?
"IT'LL BE A SHOCK... THEY'LL BE GRIEF-STRICKEN... MOM WILL CRY.. AND DAD... WHAT WILL HIS REACTION BE?"
PERHAPS HE'LL BE ANGRY.. BLAME THE LEGION... MAYBE HE'LL HATE THE LEGIONNAIRES FOR IT... I COULDN'T BEAR THAT...
LUORNU? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
HUH? OH, YES! FINE! I JUST... UH... GOT OFF A LITTLE EARLY!
THIS IS THE WAY I WANT TO REMEMBER MY FAMILY... THIS IS HOW I WANT TO SPEND MY LAST HOURS!
...A NORMAL, ORDINARY HAPPY DAY AT HOME! GEE... I'M GLAD I CAN SPLIT INTO TWO PARTS AND SPEND EQUAL TIME WITH BOTH MY PARENTS!
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MEANWHILE, IN THE LONELY APARTMENT OF VAL (KARATE KID) ARMORR...
NO PARENTS... NO RELATIONS... NOBODY TO TELL... NOBODY WHO CARES EXCEPT MAYBE PRINCESS PROJECTRA AND SENSEI*!
I LOVE PROJECTRA... I'D LIKE TO BE WITH HER! BUT I CAN'T DICTATE HOW SHE SHOULD USE HER FINAL TWELVE HOURS!
BLAST IT! I CAN'T JUST MOPE AROUND, WAITING FOR DEATH! LET THE OTHERS MEET AT H:Q. AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR! I WANT TO DIE IN BATTLE!
I MUST USE MY POWER ONCE MORE, ON SOMETHING BETTER THAN A PRACTICE GIRDER!
*SENSEI IS THE JAPANESE MASTER WHO TAUGHT KARATE KID HIS ART. -- Ed.
QUICKLY THE BLACK-BELTED BLOCKBUSTER DIALS AN UNLISTED VISI-PHONE NUMBER...
A SPECIAL HOOK-UP ALLOWS US TO TAP DIRECTLY INTO THE SCIENCE POLICE CRIME-COMPUTER! BUT THIS PROBLEM MAY TAX ALL ITS CIRCUITS!
COMPUTE THE PROBABLE WHEREABOUTS OF THE FATAL FIVE!
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MINUTES LATER, KARATE KID STREAKS OFF IN AN EXPERIMENTAL LEGION WARP-SHIP...
IT'S A GOOD THING I WAS TESTING THIS BLAST-BUGGY!* NO CONVENTIONAL SHIP COULD REACH MY DESTINATION WITHIN MY TIME LIMIT!
SO K KID TAKES OFF AFTER THOSE FEARSOME FIENDS, THE FATAL FIVE...ON A SUICIDE MISSION! RESULTS IN PART 2!
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IF I COULD ONLY STOP MYSELF FROM PUTTING ON THIS MASK!
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AS THE MIGHTY WARP-SHIP SLICES THROUGH TIME AND DISTANCE IMMEASURABLE...
THE CRIME COMPUTER CALCULATED THE PROBABLE LOCATION OF THE FIVE FROM KNOWN AND ESTIMATED DATA! HMM ...MILKY WAY GALAXY...STAR SYSTEM RIGEL...CO-ORDINATES 368-794-053 G! I SET THE CONTROLS, AND...
...PRESTO! HERE I AM!
CORRECTION... I'M NOWHERE! THE COMPUTER PINPOINTED ONLY A TINY, BLEAK ASTEROID!
THE BRAIN-MACHINE WAS WRONG... NO ONE COULD LIVE ON THAT ROCK! I'M RIGHT BACK WHERE I STARTED!
...OR AM I? SUPPOSE THE ROCK IS HOLLOW?
IF IT IS, THEN I CAN GET INSIDE BY SHIFTING INTO WARP-SPACE DRIVE AND DEMATERIALIZING!
OF COURSE, IF I'M WRONG AND THAT ASTEROID'S SOLID STONE, I'LL BE A GONER WHEN I MATERIALIZE IN IT!
THEN...
I MADE IT!
GREAT GALAXIES! WHAT A LAYOUT... THE LAIR OF THE FATAL FIVE!

I'M IN THE NEST... BUT WHERE ARE THE BUZZARDS?... AH! A LIGHT AT THE END OF THE HALL! AND I HEAR VOICES!
BAH! I'M TIRED OF SITTING AND WAITING... I WANT SOME ACTION!
SHUT UP, MANO!
I, THAROK, AM RUNNING THIS SHOW... WE MOVE WHEN I SAY! I HAVE PLANS!
THERE THEY ARE! THE FIVE DEADLIEST DESPERADOES IN THE UNIVERSE!
HMM! THOSE LIGHTS OVERHEAD GIVE ME AN IDEA!
I'LL SWING FROM ONE TO THE OTHER TILL I'M RIGHT OVER THEM...THEN FOR THE BLAZING FINALE!
THIS SCHEME CAN'T FAIL! I'VE THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING!
SUDDENLY...
BUT DID YOU THINK OF EVERYBODY... ME, FOR INSTANCE, THAROK?
THE LEGION HAS FOUND US!
IT'S KARATE KID!
AS KARATE KID LASHES OUT WITH ALL THE POWER AND SKILL HE POSSESSES...
SURPRISE IS MY ONLY ADVANTAGE! I MAY NOT WHIP THESE SUPER-HOODS--BUT I'LL DIE TRYING!

MANO... WITH THAT DISINTEGRATOR PALM OF HIS...GOTTA DUCK FAST!
HE MISSED! NOW'S MY CHANCE WHILE HE'S OFF BALANCE!
GOT HIM... LUCKY PUNCH! IF HE'D TOUCHED ME WITH HIS RIGHT HAND, I'D BE NOTHING BUT VAPOR!
WHAP
ARGH!
ONE DOWN ...FOUR TO GO! HAVE TO KEEP THE OTHERS BETWEEN ME AND VALIDUS! THAT WAY-OUT BRAIN OF HIS GENERATES LIGHTNING!
HE DOWNED MANO! LET'S GET HIM!
SOMETHING'S WRONG HERE ...HE SEEMS TO BE ALONE... BUT NO LEGIONNAIRE WOULD BE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO ATTACK US SINGLE-HANDED... HE MUST BE TRYING TO DECOY US INTO A TRAP!
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PERSUADER! YOU TAKE CARE OF THE KID! EMPRESS! VALIDUS! SEARCH FOR OTHER LEGIONNAIRES!
THE PERSUADER, EH? HIS ATOMIC AXE CAN EVEN SLICE THROUGH ENERGY!
HE'S STRONG, TOO... NO PUSHOVER! TO BEAT HIM, I'LL HAVE TO MAKE MOVES HE DOESN'T EXPECT... AND FAST! FIRST I'LL RELIEVE HIM OF HIS HELMET... THEN POW!
PEEK-A BOOM!
YEOW! THAT DIDN'T EVEN FAZE HIM... HE'S TOO STRONG... GOT TO TRY SOMETHING ELSE!
THAT PILLAR... MY ONLY CHANCE!
FOOL! I'LL CLEAVE YOU IN TWO!
MISSED! BUT JUMPING BEHIND THAT STEEL POST WON'T SAVE YOU! MY AXE CAN CUT THROUGH ANY SUBSTANCE!
SO CAN MY KARATE CHOP, BIG MAN... AND EVEN YOU CAN'T SHRUG OFF A FACEFUL OF STRUCTURAL STEEL!
UNNH!

MINUTES LATER, ELSEWHERE IN THE FORTRESS OF THE FIVE...
LEGIONNAIRES! BAH... MY MAGIC EMERALD EYE MAKES ME SUPERIOR TO ALL OF THEM! NOTHING CAN DEFEAT THE EYE!
SUDDENLY...
SURE, EMERALD EMPRESS... BUT SUPPOSE YOU'RE SEPARATED FROM IT?
SLAM
YOU...YOU SEALED IT IN THE NEXT COMPARTMENT! FOOL! I'LL SIMPLY COMMAND IT TO MELT ITS WAY THROUGH THE DOOR!
BUT THAT'LL TAKE TIME, EMP, OLD GIRL... AND YOU'RE FRESH OUT!
EEEK! YOU'RE SPINNING ME... FEEL SO... DIZZY!
OHH!
SHE BLACKED OUT! WHEW! HERE COMES THE EYE! BUT, AS I PLANNED, I PUT HER TO SLEEP BEFORE SHE COULD ORDER IT TO BLAST ME!
MEANWHILE, IN THE UPPERMOST CHAMBER OF THE COMPLEX...THE CONTROL ROOM OF THAROK...
WHAT? MY TOTAL-VIEW MONITORS SHOW THAT THE LEGIONNAIRE IS ALONE! BAH... HE DUPED US... KILL HIM, VALIDUS!

AND SO, AS MIGHTY VALIDUS, STRONGEST BEING IN THE GALAXY, SEEKS HIS PREY AT THAROK'S COMMAND...
LEGIONNAIRE BELOW... CRUSH... KILL!
VALIDUS... RIPPING RIGHT THROUGH THE CEILING! COMPARED TO HIM, THE OTHERS ARE PUSSYCATS! THIS WILL REALLY BE A TOUGH TUSSLE!
OOF!... OW-W! NO USE! JUST THE SHRAPNEL-LIKE FRAGMENTS HE'S KNOCKING LOOSE ARE FLATTENING ME!
WELL, I WANTED TO DIE IN ACTION! AND I'M ABOUT TO GET MY WISH!
BLAST HIM, VALIDUS... USE YOUR MENTAL LIGHTNING!
ARRGH!
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BUT WITH SOME LAST VESTIGE OF SURVIVAL INSTINCT COMMANDING HIS BRUISED BODY, KARATE KID MANAGES TO ROLL TO ONE SIDE, AND...
CLOSE SHOT, OLD THUNDERHEAD... BUT NO BULL'S-EYE!
ITS ENERGY UNSPENT ON ITS INTENDED TARGET, THE AWESOME BOLT CONTINUES ON ITS COURSE, BENDING STEEL LIKE PAPER...
OH, NO! VALIDUS' BOLT RIPPED THROUGH THE OUTER WALL! THE AIR IS ESCAPING ... ONLY VALIDUS IS INVULNERABLE ... THE REST OF US WILL DIE! UNLESS...
HOLD, VALIDUS! FORGET THE LEGIONNAIRE! GET THE OTHERS, QUICKLY! TO THE ESCAPE SHIP!
THEN...
THE FIVE HAVE FLOWN THE COOP! THAROK MUST'VE ACTIVATED A DESTRUCT SYSTEM ... THE WHOLE PLACE IS COLLAPSING ... THERE'S THE SHIP! IF I CAN ONLY REACH IT BEFORE THE AIR RUNS OUT...

SECONDS LATER...
MADE IT! DARN... I GO LOOKING FOR THE FATAL FIVE, HOPING FOR A CHANCE TO DIE HONORABLY IN BATTLE ...AND I END UP RUINING THEIR PLANS, DRIVING THEM OUT, AND DESTROYING THEIR H.Q. ...A GUY JUST CAN'T WIN!
MEANWHILE, IN THE PLUSH PENTHOUSE APARTMENT OF THE PRINCESS OF ORANDO...
I'M SO ALONE IN THIS PLACE... IT'S SO BIG AND EMPTY... I CAN'T STAND THE SOLITUDE!
I WISH KARATE KID WERE HERE... I MISS HIM! BUT I CAN ONLY CREATE AN ILLUSION OF HIM!
VAL ISN'T THE TYPE TO SIT QUIETLY AND WAIT FOR DEATH! HE'D WANT TO DIE FIGHTING! HE LOOKED SO STRANGE WHEN HE LEFT! WILL I EVER SEE THE REAL VAL AGAIN?
MY PARENTS! THEIR HEARTS WILL BE BROKEN! IF ONLY I COULD SPEAK TO THEM AGAIN BEFORE...THE END! BUT ORANDO IS TOO DISTANT! ALL I HAVE ARE MY ILLUSIONS...
I CAN'T TAKE HOURS OF SELF-PITY! I'LL GO OUT... FIND SOMETHING TO OCCUPY MY MIND!
AND SO, LATER, IN A SENSO-THEATER IN DOWN-TOWN METROPOLIS...
IT'S NO USE... EVEN THE MENTAL SENSATIONS WHICH ACCOMPANY THE MOVIE CAN'T HELP ME SHAKE MY DEPRESSION...
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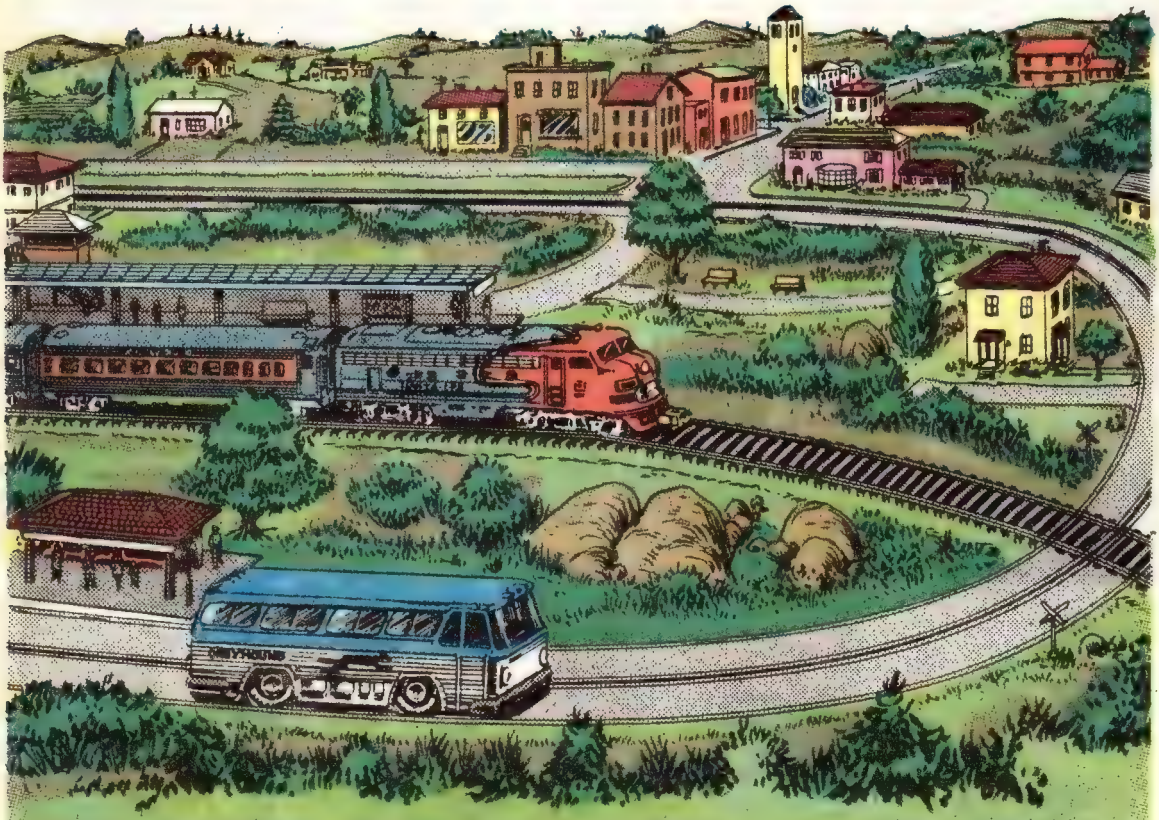

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YOU'RE LOOKING PRETTY GLUM, YOUNG LADY! IF YOU'D LIKE TO TELL ME ABOUT IT, I'M A GOOD LISTENER!
HUH? WHO ARE YOU?
MYRON MARKS IS THE NAME! I COME HERE EVERY EVENING TO FEED THE PIGEONS!
I FIND MOST TROUBLES HAVE A WAY OF DISAPPEARING IF YOU TALK THEM OUT!
NOT MINE! I'M GOING TO DIE!
ISN'T EVERYONE?
NOT EVERY-ONE WILL DIE TODAY... IN FOUR HOURS!
THAT DOES PUT A DIFFERENT COMPLEXION ON THE MATTER! STILL, WHEN ALL RESOURCES ARE EXHAUSTED, ISN'T IT WISE TO ACCEPT THE INEVITABLE... WITHOUT BROODING ABOUT IT?
THINK OF WHAT'S BEEN GOOD IN YOUR LIFE! DON'T BOTHER REGRETTING A MOMENT! AND SQUEEZE YOUR LAST HOURS DRY, TOO!
AS DARKNESS SPREADS OVER THE CITY, THE PRINCESS SITS, STILL LISTENING TO THE PARK-BENCH PHILOSOPHER... UNTIL...
LATER, AS THE ELEVENTH HOUR OF THE LEGIONNAIRES' DEATH WATCH IS STRUCK...
JUST AS I THOUGHT ...HE'S GONE OFF TO DIE IN BATTLE!
WE'RE ALL HERE BUT KARATE KID! WHERE IS HE?
THANKS, MR. MARKS! YOU SHOWED ME HOW TO LOOK AT THINGS! I CAN FACE DEATH CALMLY NOW!
GLAD I COULD HELP!
BUT..
I'M HERE ...JUST A LITTLE LATE!
GOOD! I WANTED US ALL TO BE TOGETHER!
I TRIED TO FIND A CURE... BUT I FAILED! I'M SORRY!
THEN... WE ONLY HAVE ONE BIT OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS...
...OUR WILL!

I'LL WRITE OUR WILL ON THIS STEEL TABLET WITH MY SUPER-HARD FINGERNAIL!
LAST WILL
WE EACH HAVE SOMETHING TO WILL TO THE SURVIVING LEGIONNAIRES... FIRST... PRINCESS PROJECTRA!
AS PRINCESS OF ORANDO, I HAVE MY OWN PRIVATE FORTUNE! I LEAVE IT ALL TO THE LEGION... FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE UNIVERSE!
I GIVE THEM THE PATENT RIGHTS TO ALL MY INVENTIONS! AND I WILL MY FORCE-SHIELD BELT TO INVISIBLE KID!
I BEQUEATH MY HAND WEAPONS COLLECTION TO THE LEGION ARSENAL...
LAST WILL
AND I WILL MY PERSONAL TAPE DIARY OF LEGION ACTIVITIES TO THE LEGION ARCHIVES!
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SIGN IT... USE THE LASER-STYLUS!
SUDDENLY...
THERE, I'VE FINISHED... OHHH!
DUO DAMSEL! SHE'S COLLAPSING!
THE POISON MUST BE TAKING EFFECT!
SHE'S UNCONSCIOUS ...PULSE RAPID...BREATHING SHALLOW! SHE'S DYING!
PRINCESS!
SUPERBOY! BRAINIAC 5... DO SOMETHING!
SHADES OF IANDER... HELP ME ...I FEEL IT...TOO...
WHAT, KID? EVEN I... AM BEGINNING TO FEEL THE GREEN...K'S... EFFECT...OHH!
I'M ...DIZZY... DYING!
KARATE KID... SUPERBOY COLLAPSING!
K
I'LL SINK INTO A COMA, TOO, ANY MINUTE! I FAILED...NO ANTIDOTE... NO ESCAPE!
WAIT! THERE'S ONE WAY I OVERLOOKED! THE MIRACLE MACHINE!
AS BRAINIAC 5 RACES DESPERATELY THROUGH THE HALLS...
THE MIRACLE MACHINE GIVEN TO US BY THE CONTROLLERS, A SUPER-RACE FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION! IT TURNS THOUGHTS INTO REALITY IN AN INSTANT! IF ONLY I CAN ACTIVATE IT BEFORE THE OTHERS DIE!
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BUT...
OH, NO! I FORGOT! WE SEALED IT IN THE HARDEST SUBSTANCE KNOWN-- INERTRON! ONLY SUPERBOY COULD CRACK THROUGH THAT... AND HE'S OUT COLD!
I FEEL DIZZY! NO... NOT WHEN I'M SO CLOSE TO A CURE...
AND SO THE LAST OF THE LEGIONNAIRES SINKS INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS... INCHES FROM HIS LIFE-SAVING GOAL...
ARRGH! CAN'T GET TO IT! CAN'T... CAN'T ... OHHHHH...
LIFE EBBS QUICKLY FROM THE FALLEN LEGIONNAIRES ... THEIR COMAS BECOME EVER DEEPER, AND THE THRESHOLD OF DEATH LOOMS NEAR... ALL IS QUIET IN LEGION HEADQUARTERS... THE ONLY MOVEMENT IS THE SLIGHT BREATHING OF FIVE STILL FORMS...
SUDDENLY, ALARMS SHATTER THE STILLNESS! A MYSTERIOUS INTRUDER HAS ENTERED THE HQ... BUT NO ONE RESPONDS TO THE CALL...
SCREEEE
ONE BY ONE, THE SILENT FIGURE CHECKS EACH LEGIONNAIRE... THEN, ONCE AGAIN, A HARSH SOUND REVERBERATES THROUGH THE HALLS...
HA!
HA!
HA!
HA!
HA!
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BEAUTIFUL! PERFECT! AND TO MAKE IT EVEN SWEETER, THEY NEVER HAD THE SATISFACTION OF KNOWING WHO KILLED THEM, OR WHY?
IN A FEW SECONDS NOW, IT'LL ALL BE OVER!
HEY...WHAT'S THAT TINGLE I FEEL... LIKE AN ICY WIND?... I CAN'T TALK, OR... UHH!
SUDDENLY, THE KILLER HAS BECOME AS STILL AS HIS VICTIMS... SUDDENLY, ALL THINGS ARE MOTIONLESS AND SILENT... FOR TIME HAS BEEN STOPPED HERE, BY A FORCE ALMOST INCOMPREHENSIBLE TO THE HUMAN MIND! WHO... OR WHAT... HAS DONE IT?
TOO BAD... JUST AS THE SUPER-HEROES RAN OUT OF TIME, WE HAVE RUN OUT OF SPACE. SO THE ANSWERS WILL HAVE TO WAIT TILL THE NEXT ISSUE OF ADVENTURE!
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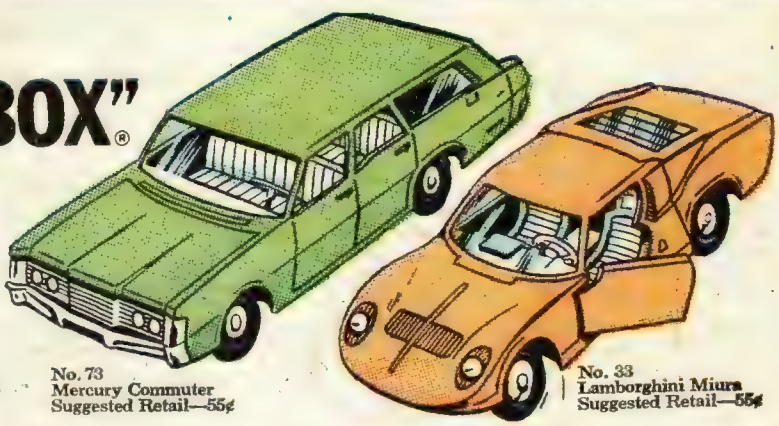

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"The King of the Legion" has brought terrific response, and plenty of guesses as to who the fake "Bouncing Boy" was. "Who else could the person be but Proty disguised as Bouncing Boy?" asks John Lupp, Hanover, Pa. And Kem Templeton, Indianapolis, Ind., says, "I have it! Chameleon Boy is in a coma, the real Bouncing Boy is at Legion Headquarters, and Proty was transported. Right?" Wrong, as you know by now. Next issue we'll tell you whether anyone guessed the phoney B.B. was Chameleon Boy. So far, not a single fan has come up with the right answer. . . . The other subject that has brought in plenty of mail was the picture of Superboy ripping the "S" off his indestructible costume. Ronald Kane, Long Beach, Calif., notes that "In SUPERBOY No. 91, Krypto couldn't rip his master's cape." A possible answer comes from Harvey Sobel, Commack, N.Y.: "Superboy knew how the Legion would honor the winner of the contest, so he wore a non-super costume."

We'd like to quote a little more from Harvey's letter while we're at it: "On the cover of ADVENTURE No. 354 is a statue of Quantum Queen. One of the Wanderers in 375 has this name. I'm glad to see that you are helping the puzzle pieces of the grown-up Legion-to-be, as portrayed in issues No. 354 and 355, to fall into place. First Shadow Lass, then Chemical King, and now Quantum Queen—and soon Reflecto will be introduced. It's this cohesive pattern that makes the Legion tales National's finest future stories." . . . Linda J. Hall, Salt Lake City, Utah, comments on the same subject, but adds: "One hero you introduced in No. 354 may be overlooked. On page 15, panel 3, at the far left is a memorial to a certain Power Boy. Since Power Boy perished before he reached manhood, it would seem imperative that you introduce him in the teen Legion."

Now to some serious business. Paul Williams, Cataula, Ga., points out that "The current Legion Leader, Ultra Boy, and the Deputy Leader, Mon-El, were elected by the readers. I believe you should have a similar election every year. That way, the Leader will be the one the readers want." We agree—so, since it's about that time, we'll give you all one month to send in your votes. All ballots must reach us by February 27, the date when our next issue hits the stands. Remember, Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, Brainiac 5, Invisible Kid and Ultra Boy have already held the post. That leaves the following members eligible: Bouncing Boy, Chameleon Boy, Chemical King, Colossal Boy, Dream Girl, Duo Damsel, Element Lad, Karate Kid, Light Lass, Lightning Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Phantom Girl, Princess Projectra, Shadow Lass, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Sun Boy, Superboy, Supergirl and Timber Wolf. Vote for your favorite. The winner will be the next leader; the runner-up will be the Deputy.

We have plenty of questions and suggestions, so we'll devote the rest of the column to them. "You should have some of the members quit the Legion," writes a mystery reader who failed to sign his (or her) letter. "And I don't mean just one issue or two. Like when you had Star Boy expelled and brought back after a few months. Everyone knows how Karate Kid and Princess Projectra feel about each other. Maybe they could quit to see more of each other. Then, after a while, something would bring them back." . . . Robert Reiner, El Monte, Calif., wants "a story about a second Legion, starring the Legionnaires' children." . . . "In the 30th century, you state that the capital of Earth is Metropolis. What happened to Washington, D.C.?" asks John Panzera, Lodi, N.J. Well, Washington is only the U.S. capital in our time. The U.N. meets in a different U.S. city—New York. When the future World Federation was formed, they picked Metropolis, that's all.

Christine Cassello, Chicago, Ill., a 22-year-old working girl, has a startling suggestion: "Get rid of the Legion. Break it up into smaller groups, like the Teen Titans, and give each group a magazine. That way, fans can see their favorites more often." . . . "Most of the girl Legionnaires' real names end in 'a'," writes Sharon Karibian, New York, N.Y. "For instance, Nura (Dream Girl), Ayla (Light Lass), Tinya (Phantom Girl), Imra (Saturn Girl), Tasmia (Shadow Lass), Kara (Supergirl), and Princess Projectra. Only Luornu (Duo Damsel) and Salu (Shrinking Violet) lack the final 'a'." . . . Richard Hooten, North Little Rock, Ark., has "a power for Rond Vidar, Universo's son, who is an honorary Legionnaire. Since he inherited his dad's immunity to hypnosis, why shouldn't he have his hypnotic power as well?"

"If Chlorophyll Kid, of the Substitute Heroes, can make plants grow super-fast, why don't the bacteria in the air grow when he uses his power?" asks Dan Wood, Dansville, N.Y. "Remember, bacteria are plants." It happens that C.K. can use his power with pinpoint accuracy, making only those plants grow that he wants to. Of course, if he wished to have some king-size bacteria, he could do it easily. . . . Rand Lee, Roxbury, Conn., has some ideas about Shrinking Violet's world, Imsk: "Its sun, Nu Pegasi, is a white dwarf star. It was once double, but back in the 20th century, its mate broke up, sending some dwarf matter to Earth, near Ivy Town, where it was found by Ray Palmer, now known as the Atom. The Imskites have the power to shrink like the Atom, too." . . . Vicky Wingate, Orange, Tex., is confused about Chameleon Boy's pet, Proty. "I remember reading how Proty died to restore Lightning Lad to life. Yet, in No. 375, you show Proty with Chameleon Boy. Did he, too, come back to life?" No—the one in 375 was Proty II, who comes from the same world as the original Proty.

"In SUPERBOY No. 120, the Boy of Steel found that he had a descendant in the 35th century. But in ADVENTURE COMICS, when he visits the Legion in the 30th century, he has never found a descendant," says Suheil E. Nusair, Amman, Jordan. "Admit it—that's the most colossal mistake you ever made." Why? It's a big universe. Superboy just never ran into his 30th-century descendants. . . . Commenting on the recently introduced Legion Academy, Frank Riley, Sunnyvale, Calif., states: "The intensive training program is only logical for an organization like the Legion. The old two-minute interview system could let in some bad apples, as it did in the cases of Nemesis Kid and Dynamo Boy."

Bennett Marks, Levittown, N.Y. sends a letter that would take up several letter columns by itself. One of his many suggestions is for "a Diplomatic Squad, consisting of Saturn Girl, Brainiac 5, Chameleon Boy, Dream Girl and Princess Projectra." We'll consider it, Ben — and your other ideas, even though we haven't the space to print them all. . . . Mary Isidorou, Prince Rupert, B.C., Canada, thinks the girl Legionnaires "act too much like boys. They always wear their costumes instead of regular dresses. They never change their hair styles. Just once, I saw Duo Damsel and Shadow Lass out of costume, when they were in disguise; and in one story I read a girlish remark." Hmm . . . maybe Jim Shooter should get some tips from a girl on how to handle the heroines in future stories.

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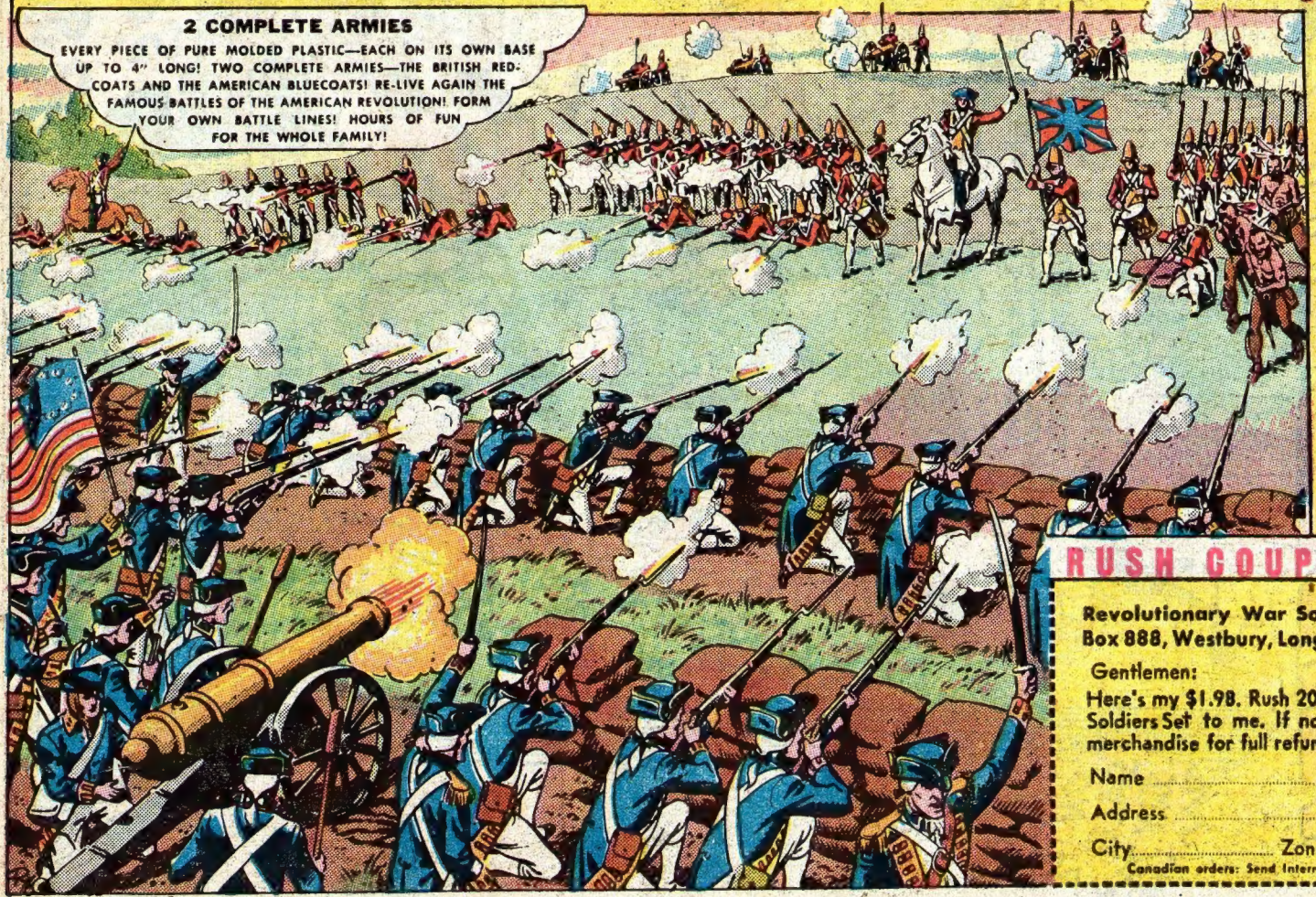

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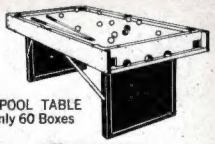
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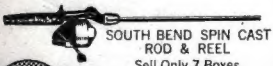
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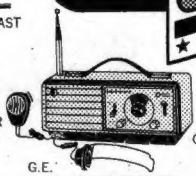
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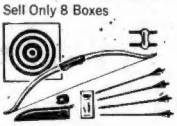
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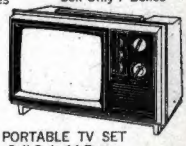
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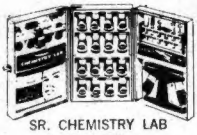
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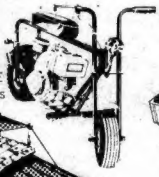
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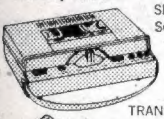
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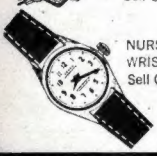
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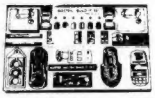
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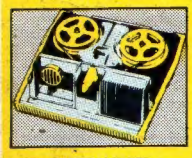

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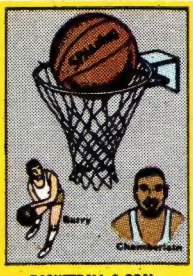

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